

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 † 10:00 AM
Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

PASTOR: Rev. Robin Garvin

LITURGIST: Zachary Graham

MUSICIANS: Thomas Rheingans, Siena Hertafeld, Sanctuary Choir

VIDEO/SOUND: Steve Rees, Jim Sandberg, Dan Rueff, Hayden Bach, Dean Bridges

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELEMENTS AND MUSICAL INTERLUDE

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 67)

May the peoples praise you, God;

May all the peoples praise you.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,

**For you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of all the earth.**

May the peoples praise you, God;

May all the peoples praise you.

Let us praise and worship our gracious God!

◆ OPENING HYMN No. 401 (Here in This Place)

Verse 1: *Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

Verse 2: *We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.*

Verse 3: *Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

Verse 4: *Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away: here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Compassionate and faithful Lord, we come to admit this morning that during recent days our faith has faltered, our trust of your promises has grown too thin, our love for you has been crowded out by our selfishness, our hold on you has not been very firm, and alongside of our belief there is unbelief. We come in our weakness and ask for your grace. Please forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son. And hold us firmly in your grace. Amen.

CONFESSIOAL RESPONSE No. 701 (Lord, Prepare Me) (Sung two times)

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

◆ ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Psalm 103:11-12)

Hear the welcome words of Psalm 103:11-12, "For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us." Friends, believe and now live the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God!

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

◆ RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 743 (O God, You Are My God)

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you. O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you. I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE (John 11:17-27)

CHORAL ANTHEM ("I Believe" by Mark Miller)

MESSAGE ("I Believe" by Rev. Robin Garvin)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 687 (Our God, Our Help in Ages Past)

Verse 1: *Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:*

Verse 2: *Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.*

Verse 3: *Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame, from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.*

Verse 4: *A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.*

♦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (found on page 35 of the hymnal)

MOMENT FOR MISSION (Peace and Global Witness Offering by Connie Brenner)

OFFERTORY ("I Believe" by Drake and Graham; Siena Hertafeld, vocalist)

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www.valleycommunity.org)

♦ DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

♦ PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

♦ CLOSING HYMN No. 353 (My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less)

Verse 1: *My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

Refrain: *On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.*

Verse 2: *When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.* Refrain

Verse 3: *His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.* Refrain

Verse 4: *When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.* Refrain

♦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SENDING MUSIC